

Post Shorts

Time to fall back

Don't forget to turn clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 7. Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. officially on the first Sunday in November in each time zone.

Reduced holiday gate operations

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area and the Wise Road Gate (Route 755) in the Edgewood Area will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. Both gates will reopen Friday, Nov. 12. The Maryland Boulevard Gate (Route 715) in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area remain open 24 hours a day.

Kirk closes for Veterans Day

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (KUSAHC) will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. For medical services needed after hours or federal holidays, contact Staff Duty at 410-278-1725 or 443-807-0725. The Staff Duty Officer will coordinate your care with the Referral Management Office. To avoid Point of Service copayment charges, you will need an authorization and/or a referral to go to any urgency clinic. Emergency Rooms do not require a referral. KUSAHC will reopen Nov. 12.

Ordnance Museum grounds closed

The APG Ordnance Museum grounds and access points will be closed to the public Nov. 1 through 21 while artifacts are moved from APG to Fort Lee, Va. For more information call Museum Director Chris Semancik, 410-278-2396.

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APG, Polish leaders focus on scientific advancements for Soldiers

Story by
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RDECOM PAO

American and Polish military officers said that a dialogue between Warfighters and scientists is vital in empowering their nation's Soldiers during a meeting Oct. 28.

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commanding general of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, emphasized that engaging students, from elementary school to college, is key to developing the next generation of researchers.

"Everywhere you go, we have a very close affiliation with our university structure," Justice said. "We became the arsenal of democracy in World War II by leveraging the universities in our country. We reach down into our schools to grow [students] from the very beginning. That is a fun job."

Justice hosted three Polish officers and a senior military scientist at the RDECOM headquarters building during their week-long visit to the Washing-



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON
Polish Col. Jozef Wrona, left, the national research and technology director for the Department of Science and Military Education in the Polish Ministry of National Defense, makes a point to Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, during a visit to APG Oct. 28.

ton area. The group's APG visit included tours of U.S. Army Research Laboratory and Edgewood Chemical Biological Center facilities.

They also visited the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology

and the 2010 Association of the United States Army annual convention in Washington, D.C.

Justice spoke with pride about APG's growth and possibilities for technological excellence. He noted the \$1 billion construction boom and the

relocation of the Communications-Electronics Command and Army Test and Evaluation Command to APG.

"The three centers for the United States Army will be Fort Hood [Texas], Fort Bragg

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Services, issues focus of APG Retiree Appreciation Day

Story by
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APG News

Area retirees received the latest updates from installation, local, state and national service providers during the Retiree Appreciation Day activities at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Oct. 16.

More than 30 organizations were on hand for the annual event that included lunch at the installation dining facility after the program. Maryland National Guard Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, Maryland Adjutant General, was the guest speaker. Retirees also heard from Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Janet Dettwiler, APG Adjutant, and retired Lt. Col. Nelson Laughton, chair

of the APG Retiree Council emceed the program.

"Today, we are going to update you on everything we are doing for you," Ortiz told the retirees. "Don't be afraid to express your concerns. We are here to make life wonderful for all of you."

Adkins thanked organizers for inviting him to his second APG Retiree Appreciation Day.

Speaking on behalf of the governor's office, Adkins said, "We have a great appreciation for the military that retire here and elect to stay in the area."

He remarked that with the addition of a Department of Veterans Affairs office in Bel Air, retirees now have an easier time of accessing and filing documents.

"This is beneficial to us all because they can help you through the process of the veteran's system," he said.

Adkins thanked APG leaders for their support of National Guard units and programs - particularly the aviation elements in the Edgewood Area and the Military Youth Corps ChalleNGe program - and said MDNG missions continue to support operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"They do a tremendous job answering our nation's call," he said. "I can tell you the young generation of today stands as tall as any generation ever."

He added that Maryland healthcare is "totally committed" to veterans and provides campuses around the state to meet their needs.

"Take advantage of all the people and organizations here today to serve you," Adkins said. "We appreciate you and we appreciate APG and its tremendous partnerships."

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Chaplain (Col.) Orman W. Boyd, installation and Garrison chaplain, presents the morning message to listeners during the Garrison Prayer Breakfast held at the Aberdeen Area Dining Facility Oct. 20.

Selfless service focus of Garrison Prayer Breakfast

Story and photo by
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APG News

Buoyed by a quote from Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give," the theme for the Garrison Prayer Breakfast, held at the Aberdeen Area Dining Facility, Oct. 20, focused on serving others less fortunate.

Chaplain (Col.) Orman Boyd, Garrison chaplain, led the program, using slideshows of photos from humanitarian expeditions to Africa and Russia to make his point.

Boyd said one reason for the Prayer Breakfast was to take time to reflect on American Soldiers, civilians and contractors serving in harms way "down range."

Another reason, he said, was to "share some wisdom that I have found on my journey" toward a spirit-filled life.

He talked about his early years in the military ministry, which included providing pastoral care to veterans and said spiritual journeys are what define life.

Acknowledging that most listeners were probably from a religious background, he put the question, "What does it mean to be at the top of your game?"

He said today's society promotes selfishness and that it takes a constant struggle to "go against the grain" to do for others.

"When you do things for other people, whether it's something small or something

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A slimey experience

Photo by RACHEL PONDER
Lily Owens, 9, shows off slime that she made during an activity celebrating National Chemistry Week held on Oct. 15 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center. A team of volunteers from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Army Research Laboratory provided a morning of fun hands-on science demonstrations for children and youths.

Fall Tech Expo largest to date

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The 2010 Fall Technology Expo, held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Oct. 20 was popular with both Aberdeen Proving Ground employees and technology vendors, bringing more than 600 attendees and 55 exhibitors, making it the largest Tech Expo held at Aberdeen Proving Ground to date.

The free bi-annual expo is hosted by the The US Army Signal Network Enterprise Center-APG.

Mark Flemister, and his wife Donna from Federal Direct Access, organized the event.

Flemister said that having the Technology Expo at APG creates a “win-win” situation.

“APG employees have a high level of interest learning about new technology, so that they can perform their job better,” Flemister said. “Having a free tech expo on post at a central location lets employees have a chance to learn about new technologies and gives information technology representatives a chance to interact with customers.”

“I also think that the high turnout is due to an increase of BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) personnel,” he added.

James Cassidy, an account manager for Blue River Information Technology, said this was the first year his organization attended the expo. Cassidy said that Blue River offers efficient data storage technologies called virtualization services. These services are used to lower overall data center costs and maximize storage utilization.

“We figure out how to make the storage of information more efficient,” he said. “The net result is that you use less energy, so it saves money and you reduce your carbon footprint.”

To find out more about Blue River Information Technology call Cassidy, 571-312-4905.

Jim Dedrick, from Jupiter Systems said that it was the company’s first time to the APG Tech Expo. Jupiter Systems produces display wall processors. Designed for use in mobile command posts housed in tent environments, the system delivers the same information display format to the commanders and staff brigade and battalion-level command posts.

“Even though our product serves a



Maj. Ryan Ferrell, from the 20th Support Command, discusses video wall technology with Michelle Duke, from Control Room Group, a division of AVI-SPL, and Jim Dedrick, director of sales for Jupiter Systems, during the Fall Technology Expo held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Oct. 20.

specific group of people, many people were interested in what our product had to offer Soldiers,” Dedrick said. For more information, visit www.jupiter.com.

Kasey Beaver, a purchaser, and Joan Myer, assistant manager for Office Eagle, said that they had a chance to interact with new APG employees.

“The new BRAC employees commented that they needed office supplies, Beaver said. “They were happy to find out that there was an office supply store located on post.”

“The Tech Expo also gives us a chance to interact with customers that have already done business with Office Eagle,” Myer said.

Tom Brady, a major account manager from Dell computers, said he enjoys coming to the expo to get “face time” with APG employees.

“I have been coming to this Tech Expo for two years and I think it is very valuable,” Brady said. “At this show a variety of people attend from civilian employees to military leaders. It gives us a chance to answer any questions that they might have with their Dell product.”

Maj. Ryan Ferrell, from the 20th Support Command, said that it was his first time attending APG’s Tech Expo.

“I wanted to come because it is located on post and I am always trying to learn about new technology, looking for components to tie into our existing infrastructure,” he said. “I am specifically interested in video technology.”

“I like seeing what businesses are marketing. I especially like to see what the start up businesses are doing,” said Louis Mazziotta, who was visiting APG from Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey. Margaret Freeman, from Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Contamination Avoidance, who accompanied Mazziotta, said that she liked seeing the alternate interface on the technology marketed to government employees.

“It is interesting to see how they change to technology to comply with government security requirements.”

The Spring Technology Expo will be held April 28 in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. For more information about the Tech Expo, call 410-531-8559.

Vendors included: Adobe Systems,

AFL Telecommunications, Agilent Technologies, Alutiq LLC, Avocent a Division of Emerson Network Power, AVS Installations, Black Box, Calient Technologies, CCS Presentation Systems, CDW-G, Control Cable Inc., CSC, David Clark Company, Dell Software, Dell Inc., EmTec Federal, EPS Corporation, F.A. O’Toole Office Systems, FedTek, Fiber Instrument Sales, General Dynamics C4 Systems, Gov-Connection, Graybar& Fluke Networks, Hartford Computer Group, HP, IMC Networks, Information Technology Solutions, Inc., Iron Bow Technologies, Jupiter Systems, Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc., Lexmark International, Link Solutions, Napatech, Nelson White Systems, Newark, Office Eagle, Plantronics, Praxis Engineering, Quantum/StorageHawk, Quest Software, Raritan, Red Hat, RGB Spectrum, Ricoh Business Solutions, Sony Electronics, Spirent Federal Systems, SRC, Inc. STG Inc., Swish Data Corp, Systems Source, Tactical Weapon Solutions, Techni-Tool, Inc. Transition Networks, Winchester Systems, Wright Line, Xerox.

Commentary: Fighting one’s demons

By
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Garrison Chaplain office

Many people fight with overwhelming temptations every day. These “demons” drive them to do things they don’t want to do. In some cases they literally drive them to drink.

One such person was an Irishman by the name of Matt Talbot. At age 12, Matt went to work as a delivery person for a wine merchant. On occasion, the workers would find damaged bottles that could not be sold and so together they would consume the contents of the bottles. One day Matt tried some and discovered he enjoyed the drink. More and more bottles became damaged on Matt’s delivery route so he could have a drink. His parents became aware of his problem, and so his father got him a job where he worked. But now Matt was into the hard stuff and to prevent problems at work with his father, he found other employment. Deep inside he knew



that his drinking was harming his life but he felt helpless in how to end his desire for the bottle.

After 16 years of drinking, one Saturday morning he could not get up for work. His drinking buddies ignored him that day and wouldn’t pay for his drinks even though he had paid for theirs. His mother was again “on his case.” So he

decided to stop drinking for good. While easily said, it was difficult to accomplish. Matt knew it would take something stronger than him and stronger than the alcohol to set him free. He walked to Holy Cross College to find a priest so he could make the pledge. He felt like turning around and going back home.

A compassionate priest helped him and he took the pledge to renounce alcohol for three months. He thought three months would be like an eternity and he knew the first three months were going to be difficult. He did not believe he could do it. He knew where he would get his strength. He would return to God and to the practice of his faith. He would go to Church every day and pray for divine assistance. The church was the only place where he felt safe from himself. Now, instead of being at the pub, Matt spent his nights reading spiritual books and praying. He especially loved reading the lives of the saints. Having remained sober for three months he took the pledge for another three months. His sister Mary was convinced of his conversion because since the day he stopped drinking he also stopped cursing. At the

end of the second three months he took the pledge for a year and at the end of the year he took the pledge for life.

He joined the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association when it was founded. Although now he was a very spiritual person he did not want to be known as such but people could see the profound change that had occurred in him. For example, what most upset him was using the name of Jesus as a curse. Whenever that happened he lifted his cap as a sign of reverence to the name of ‘Jesus’ and he would take a crucifix out of his pocket and say, “Look at the One you are insulting.” As well as giving up drink he also gave up smoking.

Matt’s story is a beautiful story of conversion and shows us that a very ordinary person can totally transform. He died on his way to Sunday Mass on June 7, 1925, in Granby Lane, Dublin (a plaque on the wall marks the spot).

Things that are impossible for us to accomplish - personal demons like addictions to alcohol, drugs, pornography, sex and many others can be defeated by turning to a higher power. For with God nothing is impossible.

Prayer

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grandiose, it is physically healthy for you,” he said.

He talked about humanitarian trips such as one he went on to Russia in sub-zero temperatures and other travels around the world, brining food, medicines and spiritual support to those in need.

He said that service such as this “makes us strong in the faith” and invited anyone with ideas about how to serve others, whether overseas or in the local community, to visit his office.

“When I look back on my life, it’s these types of events that stand out,” Boyd said.

He closed with a prayer for all those in the service of the nation.

“We pray for peace, for their Families, and that they can come home and that leaders all over the world can find some other way to settle their differenc-

es,” he said. “Help us to make a difference to do our part.”

Attendees said they gained much from the message.

“I thought it was nice to do a good prayer breakfast in sync with our work mission,” said Joyce Glasby, a CECOM command, control and supply branch chief.

“I’m always thinking there’s more I can do,” added Danny Lynn O’Hern, a retired staff sergeant and member of the chapel’s Catholic service. “The fact that he [Boyd] was actually on the ground giving aid to those in need of help is inspiring,” she said.

Rick Witherspoon, an equal employment opportunity advisor, said he appreciated the service mission theme.

“I’ve always wanted to go to Africa and serve like that,” he said. “It would give us a whole new perspective and make us more appreciative of the blessings we take for granted.”

The program included a musical selection sung by Mike Cashman of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Office.

Community Notes

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 4
MAGNET SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Open House for the Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme (GS/IB) at Edgewood High School will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Attendance is not required at the Open House for application or admission to any magnet program. Visit www.hcps.org for applications to each of the magnet programs.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 6
KNEE-HIGH ADVENTURES

Explore out and about on the Discovery Trail while investigating nature with songs, games and sensory activities. This program will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 1 to 5 with an adult. The cost is \$4 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

WHERE DO FROGS AND FISH SLEEP

Good night frogs, good night fish. Where do these critters sleep? Learn about a variety of Otter Point Creek critters and how they spend the winter. This program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for Families. The cost is \$5 per Family. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 7
GREENING YOUR HOME

Curious about the greening trend? Learn some new techniques to greening the home and save some green at the same time. This program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for Families. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per Family. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MONTHLY PHOTO CLASS

Meet with other photographers, complete monthly photo assignments, and share assignment photos with

the group. Instruction will be offered. Bring a flash drive or prints to share. This program will be held 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 15 to adult. The cost is \$10 per class and registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

NATURE TALES - AUTUMN

Story time with a nature twist. Come listen to stories, learn new songs and move like the animals. This free program will be held at 3:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration is required.

For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 10
MAGNET SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Open House for the Harford Technical High School will be held 5:30 to 8 p.m. Attendance is not required at the Open House for application or admission to any magnet program. Visit www.hcps.org for applications to each of the magnet programs.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Semper Fi! All APG Marines including active duty, Reserve, retired, FMF corpsman, veterans, Army civilians or DoD contractor are invited to the Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon at the DFAC building 4503 to celebrate the 235th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. There will be a ceremony at noon. Cost of the luncheon is \$4.25 per person. Let's get together and celebrate the Marine Corps birthday as is our tradition. Once a Marine, always a Marine.

For more information or to RSVP, call Craig Reeling, 443-477-0670, email Craig.Reeling@us.army.mil or visit www.MarylandMarines.org.

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY CONCERT

The U.S. Naval Academy Band will perform a free Veterans Day Concert, 7 p.m. at the Chesapeake Arts Center Hammond's Lane Theatre, located on 194 Hammond's Lane, Brooklyn Park, Md. This event requires no ticket and

is open to the public. For more information call 410-636-6597 or visit www.chesapeakearts.org.

APPLEBEE'S SALUTES THE MILITARY

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar restaurants invite all active duty and veterans to eat free. Applebee's Veteran's Day menu will offer signature and favorite items including a seven ounce sirloin, bacon cheeseburger, three cheese chicken penne, chicken tenders platter, zesty Fiesta Lime Chicken®, or double crunch shrimp. All the traditional sides are also included. Veterans and active duty military will need to provide proof of service which includes U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform, DD 214, citation or commendation. Offer is valid for dine-in only. Upgraded side items or extras, beverages, desserts and gratuity are not included. Guests are encouraged to say thanks to veterans and active duty personnel on Applebee's "virtual wall of honor" at www.facebook.com/applebees or www.applebees.com.

RECRUIT MILITARY OPPORTUNITY EXPO

RecruitMilitary Opportunity Expo is a free employment, entrepreneurship, and educational opportunity event for veterans and personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard, and military spouses. Presented by RecruitMilitary in cooperation with The American Legion, Purple Heart Services, and the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network, or MSCCN, it will be held at the Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to register as a job-seeker, visit www.recruit-military.com.

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 12
CECIL COUNTY LIBRARY INVITES FAMILIES

The Cecil County Public Library invites APG to the launch of a new collection of resources for military Families, 11 a.m., at the Perryville Branch at 500 Coudon Boulevard, Perryville. Refreshments will be served and all APG staff and their families are invited.

For more information, call Morgan Miller, branch manager, 410-996-6070 ext. 3110, or email mmiller@ccplnet.org. Visit CCPL at www.cecil.ebranch.info.

FRIDAY FAMILY CAMPFIRE - SUPPER ON A STICK

Come to the Pontoon Pier property for food and seasonal fun around the campfire. This program will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per Family (limit 5 per Family) and registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 13
BLUEGRASS/GOSPEL CONCERT AND HAM DINNER

Christ Episcopal Church, located at 2100 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill, Md., will hold a Bluegrass Concert and Ham dinner fundraiser, 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The popular Carroll County Ramblers will perform. Tickets cost \$20 per adult; 35 per couple; \$18 each senior; and \$10 for children ages 5 to 12. Proceeds benefit Christ Church Outreach Ministries. For more information, call 410-838-6606.

WHITE TAILED DEER SURVEY

Come help determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the Park home. This program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult. The program is free but registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CRITTER DINNERTIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. No registration is required. For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)

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ACS hosts parenting class

Parenting children ages 6–12 is a tough job. Why do it alone? The ACS Family Advocacy Program is offering ‘Parenting Ages 6 – 12’ classes Thursdays, Nov. 4, 11, 18 and Dec. 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACS Center, building 2503, Highpoint Road. Call 410-278-7478 for more information and to register.

WACVA Chapter meets Nov. 6

Freestate Chapter 70 of the Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association will meet 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Aberdeen Senior Center on Franklin Street in Aberdeen. Membership is open to women who are serving or have served in America’s Armed Forces, including active, reserve and National Guard.

Upcoming events include the annual Holiday Party at the Perry Point VA Medical Facility for hospitalized women veterans. For more information, contact Judy Fortier, chapter president, at 410-272-4115.

Chapel Holiday Food Vouchers

The Chapel will accept offerings for the APG Holiday Food Voucher Program on next two Sundays, Nov. 7 and 14. One hundred percent of all donations will go into the hands of Soldiers and Families who are having financial difficulties. The Chapel assists Soldiers throughout the entire year when there is a need, so excess donations will be used throughout the year. All employees are invited to attend one of the services on Nov. 7 or Nov. 14 particularly an opportunity to give to this worthy cause.

Aberdeen Area Chapel Services

8:45 a.m., Catholic
10:15 a.m., Protestant
10:15
Noon, Gospel

Edgewood Area Chapel Services

9:15 a.m., Protestant
10:45 a.m., Catholic

For more information or if anyone would like to donate outside of these services, call Chaplain (Col.) Wayne Boyd, 410-278-4593.

Edgewood Area kicks off holiday season with food, toy and gift drive

The Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground has kicked off the 2010 holiday season with its 23rd Annual Food, Toy and Gift Drive. From Nov. 8 to Dec

7, volunteers will collect donations from 30 locations across the area and work-force members are encouraged to support this charitable event with generous donations of new toys and gifts for all ages, as well as non-perishable food items.

Collected items will be donated to the Mason Dixon Community Services, an organization that provides emergency food and energy assistance to low-income residents in Harford County, and to Extreme Family Outreach, an organization that provides after school and summer programs for elementary- and middle school-aged youth in Edgewood, Joppatowne, and Havre de Grace.

Goods will be delivered after the Food, Toy and Gift Drive closing ceremony at the ECBC Berger Auditorium Dec. 7. Army Community Service, Mason Dixon Community Services, and Extreme Family Outreach will ensure the delivery of donations to families in need.

For more information, contact Beth Hirsh of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center at 410-436-5185.

NFFE Local 178 to host town hall meeting

NFFE Local 178 will conduct a Town Hall Meeting, noon, at the Edgewood Conference Center, building E-4810, Nov. 10. The meeting is open to all employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Topics to be presented and discussed include Personnel Demonstration update, A-76 Study, Overtime Grievance Case update, and the NFFE Local 178 Legal Services Plan. For more information, call 410-436-3942/0623.

BJ’s membership sale

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor BJ’s discount membership registration, Nov. 16 at the Southside Grill located in the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18 in the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, Aberdeen Area. These are the last dates to sign up before the holiday season.

BJ’s Wholesale Club offers 15-month membership for \$35 for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals. Save \$10 and get three months free. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-436-4467 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

AUSA monthly meeting, Nov. 16

The monthly meeting for the Association of the United States Army will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road in Edgewood Nov. 16. The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Randolph Strong, commander, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. The cost is \$20 via PayPal at <http://ausa-berdeen.org/>, or cash or check at the door. Multiple tickets may now be purchased at one time via PayPal. Payments are non-refundable. Please RSVP promptly by e-mail to c2402@ausa.org. Seating is limited. This meeting may qualify for CLP. Sponsorships are available; contact Bill Suchting at 410-306-8360 or Kathy Kage at 410-273-1705

Support Native American Heritage

The APG Native American Heritage planning committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone who would like to join, contact Sgt. First Class LaQuita Wimbley, Equal Opportunity Advisor, 410-306-2053; Jan Burke, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, 410-278-1161; or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

Celebrate Native American heritage

The annual Native American Heritage observance will be celebrated 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 17 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Gajdys. For more information, please contact Sgt. 1st Class LaQuita Wimbley, 410-306-2053; or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

New way to dial on-post numbers

Dialing on-post numbers has changed. Instead of dialing the prefixes 3, 4, 5 or 6 plus the 4-digit extension, APG employees must dial the 3-digit prefix plus the 4-digit extension. This is the second part of a dialing plan introduced to the installation in May when the DSN prefix changed from 8 to 9-4 and the commercial prefix changed from 9 to 9-9. APG employees are asked to change publications and Web pages to reflect the new 7-digit number. Also, change any pre-programmed speed dial numbers to the 7-digit number. For more information call Allan Herlinger, 410-278-3367.

Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal, Nov. 25.

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 25.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The holiday meal rate of \$7 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests. The holiday discount meal rate of \$5.95 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes hearty turkey and wild rice soup, shrimp cocktail, roast turkey with gravy, baked ham with raisin sauce, carved to order beef top round, cornbread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, steamed broccoli, buttered corn, green beans almonidine, assorted salad bar, fruit salad, cucumber salad, Waldorf salad, cranberry sauce, assorted breads, buttered hot rolls, bread sticks, assorted traditional pies, assorted fresh fruits, hard candies and mixed nuts, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, egg nog and assorted beverages. Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-278-3142 or 3892.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or e-mail michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)

Army leaders reaffirm commitment to Survivors

Story by
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On Wednesday, Oct. 27, The Association of the United States Army presented an inaugural Family Forum titled, “America’s Families – Caring for our Survivors,” during its annual meeting and exposition.

Senior Army leaders participating in the forum included Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who was joined by his wife Sheila, as well as Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, Commander of the Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and Maj. Gen. Reuben D. Jones, Commanding General of the Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command.

“Survivors deserve a network of comprehensive support,” Jones said. “We will search tirelessly to find assistance for our survivors and provide them with the support they need.”

Earlier in the day, Jones traveled to Arlington National Cemetery where he, Carolyn Maupin, who lost her son Staff Sgt. Matthew Maupin in Iraq, and a battle buddy of a fallen Soldier laid a wreath with other survivors at the Tomb of the Unknowns in honor of all surviving Family members of fallen warriors.

Because everyone grieves in their own way, some of the survivors in town this week to attend the SOS Army Family Action Plan Summit chose not to attend the wreath laying ceremony.

But they all traveled to the AUSA survivor’s forum where they were honored by senior Army leaders and AUSA Family Programs Director Sylvia Kidd.

Although pulled together on short notice, Kidd, with the help of SOS Program Managers Donna Engeman and Hal Snyder, was ready for the survivors when they arrived.

“It really was not difficult at all, because it fits right in with our mission to articulate and support the needs and interests of all Army Families who are experiencing higher levels of stress due to frequent separations, repeated deployments and loss,” Kidd said.

General Casey, opened the meeting by saying that what the Army is doing for survivors cannot be a cookie-cutter program, but must be able to deal with the long process of grieving.

“Yes, SOS is in its infancy,” he said. “We began with an idea, to bring survivors in who could speak about their own process and how to make it better. After a few years of annual summits, this year, the SOS workgroups worked long hours to refine and articulate eight issues that will be presented in January at the Army Family Action Plan conference.

“We’ve come a long way,” Casey said.

Deborah H. Tainsh, a Gold Star mother and author of “Heart of a Hawk,” lost her son, Sgt. Patrick Shannon Tainsh on Feb. 11, 2004, when he was killed in Baghdad, Iraq. She thanked the general for all his work.

“I spent the last two days pounding these issues,

working hand-in-hand with subject matter experts and I want to thank you for all you’ve done,” she said.

Certain issues still resonated and none of the SOS survivors who had attended the SOS AFAP summit were shy to speak up.

“The Army needs to help Soldiers be better prepared,” said one participant. “We need to prepare for the unthinkable. My husband Mark and I discussed his death and planned his funeral. All I had to do was implement it. I’ve had so many Families tell me they don’t know how to begin or what to talk about.”

General Casey responded by explaining it’s hard to have an Army program for personal decisions, but “we we are taking on the training to help with planning,” Casey said.

Many Soldiers are still reluctant to ask for help, or to face difficult planning decisions, he explained, and the Army is working diligently to remove the stigma that those Soldiers associate with asking for help.

“When I began as Chief of Staff, ninety percent of our Soldiers wouldn’t admit to a problem for fear of losing their career,” Casey said. “Now that number is fifty percent...”

At the conclusion of his remarks, Jones unveiled a newly created SOS logo, reiterating his personal commitment to caring for survivors.

“When I meet with survivors, the thing I tell them is that we will never, ever leave them behind,” Jones said. “And I mean it.”

Retiree

From front page

Roundtable discussion

A panel discussion followed with representatives taking questions from the audience. Participants included the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, APG Chaplaincy, the Commissary, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, TRICARE, the Social Security Administration, Maryland Retired Veterans Task Force, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, VA Maryland Health Care System and U.S. Family Health Plan (Johns Hopkins).

Attendees asked a range of questions, some addressing personal dilemmas and others applying to all listeners.

Ortiz answered one question that drew interest about PX inventory.

“We are dedicated to serving you,” he said. “The bottom line is we are in a transitional period with our younger Soldiers moving and we are monitoring the situation to see how needs are changing. Basic services to you will not change.”

Regarding a question about housing availability on post, Ortiz explained that Picerne Military Housing assumed responsibility for post housing under the Residential Community Initiative.

“We are analyzing the effect of the military population moving south to Fort Lee, Virginia and now determining what portion of houses can be available to the civilian and retiree population,” he said.

“The renovation of Top of the Bay will run through the end of May,” said Mike Luppachino, director of FMWR in answer to a question about how long the business will stay closed due to renovation.

Organization displays

Attendees included current and future retired service members, their spouses and survivors of deceased retirees. Before and after the program attendees had time to visit the information and services displays.

In addition to its display, KUSAHC

conducted blood pressure and cholesterol screening and administered flu shots.

“I always come to APG for (Retiree Appreciation Day),” said retired Sgt. 1st Class Theodore Horman of Baltimore as he accepted a menu of upcoming events from marketing representative Christina Lockhart at the FMWR display.

Jim Lint and Dell Cooper from the C4ISR G-2 office, distributed job opening announcements for the recently opened C4ISR Center of Excellence,

“We’re trying to fill gaps between the Fort Monmouth [N.J.] mission and the move to APG,” Lint said. “We’ve got people who are not moving here and we have to fill those gaps. The important thing is we have made this move without cutting support to the Warfighter.”

Nancy Lee Shrenk, a program manager with the RDECOM G-1, said the organization was on hand to inform attendees about ongoing Warfighter support programs.

“We have a new modernization and we’re here informing about and increasing awareness of our missions and programs,” Shrenk said.

Aberdeen’s Freestate Chapter 70 Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association signed up members at its display. The chapter is the only one of the national organization in the state and accepts active duty and veteran women from all branches, according to chapter members Rose Matchett, Laura Goodpasture and Judy Fortier. Its focus is community service projects and supporting the needs of hospitalized women veterans at the Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, Fortier said.

The group passed out flyers about the organization and about services at Perry Point.

“A lot of women veterans don’t know there are services at Perry Point that are just for women, so we’re spreading the word about that too,” she said.

Michael G. Comeau, chair of the Harford County Veterans Commission said veterans could now keep up with commission activities and issues on Facebook.

“You can sign up as a friend for updates or just log on to see the latest news,” Comeau said.

He and fellow commission member Larry Dietrich Jr., representing the Harford County Chapter of the U.S. Marine Corps League, encouraged veterans of all branches to get involved with veteran issues, local and legislative.

“As veterans, we have a voice and we need to let it be heard,” Comeau said.

Service organizations

Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations included RDECOM; C4ISR; Garrison Transformation Office; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate; the U.S. Army Public Health Command; the Directorates of Emergency Services; Plans, Training Mobilization and Security; Human Resources; Public Works; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Army Substance Abuse Program; U.S. Army Dental Command; RDECOM Inspector General; the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; and the Defense Commissary Agency.

Veteran service organizations included the Harford County Veterans Commission, the Harford County Chapter of the U.S. Marine Corps League; The Elkton Vet Center; The Retired Enlisted Association; the Military Officers Association of America; Freestate Chapter 70 Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association; the 3rd Infantry Division Army Historical Foundation; the National Association for Uniformed Services; and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Business services on hand included the APG and Freedom Federal Credit Unions.

Others services on hand were the Association of the United States Army; Social Security Administration; Delta Dental, VA Maryland Health Care System, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Patient First, the United Services Automobile Association, SERCO, Inc., and U.S. Family Health Plan at Johns Hopkins.

Retirees on the APG Retiree Council include Lt. Col. Nelson Laughton, chair; Sgt. Maj. Frank Yoakum, co-chair; Lt. Col. Joseph Traino, past chair; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Zalusky, past co-chair; Lt. Col. Nasir Siddique; Navy Lt. Col. Edward Kreiner Sr.; Air Force Command Sgt. Maj. John Herzberger; Sgt. Maj. Drew Nobles, APG Retirement Services; Master Sgt. Lonzia Hawkins, Jr.; Sgt. 1st Class James Lint; and Janet Dettwiler, APG Director of Human Resources/Adjutant General.

The brass quintet of the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band provided music.



Go to <http://ice.disa.mil>.
Click on “ARMY” then
“Aberdeen Proving Ground.”

Correction

The phone number for Mary Jane Jernigan, the point of contact for this year’s Holiday Ball, is 410-612-4202 or 443-350-4063. Jernigan’s email is mjernigan@egginc.com.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Military Family Appreciation Month Programs

As part of Military Family Appreciation Month, Army Community Service will host several programs in November.

Marital Strategies Part I and II

Two Family/Victim Advocacy Programs, lunch box training, will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at ACS building 2503 High Point Road. Marital Strategies Part I will be held Nov. 9; Marital Strategies Part II will be held Nov. 19.

For more information, call Aida Rivera, 410-278-7572/7572.

Trips to New York City cost more

Leisure Travel’s eight hour trip to New York City has increased from \$36 to \$39 per person. The trip offers visitors time to sightsee, shop, see a Broadway matinee and more on Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost includes roundtrip transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot on Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil

Special Education Law

Aberdeen Proving Ground EFMP Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Network and Support Group will join meetings with the Autism Society of Harford County. Mark Martin and Lisa Frank will be guest speakers on Special Education Law, 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 8, at Rugles Golf Course club house.

Martin, is an attorney with extensive experience advocating for the rights of children and individuals with disabilities. Lisa Frank, with The Special Kids Company, is an educational and behavioral consultant serving children, Families, and schools throughout Maryland.

For more information, call 410-278-2420.

Youth Cheerleading registration

Girls, ages 6 through 15 can register now through Nov. 9 for cheerleading. Cheer squads will cheer for APG Youth Basketball teams on Saturdays beginning Jan. 8, 2011. Practices will be held on weeknights. Cost to join cheerleading is \$40 per person.

Register at building 2503 Highpoint Road, room 210 or 211. Walk-in registration

will be held 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call for an appointment after 10:30 a.m., 410-278-7571/7479. Volunteer coaches are needed.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297 or e-mail William.Kegley@us.army.mil.

Youth Winter Basketball registration

Boys and girls can register for basketball leagues through Nov. 9. There will be a coed Basketball League for ages 7 to 8; basketball leagues for ages 9 and 10, 11 and 12 and 13 and 14 will be separated into boys and girls teams. Games will be held 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, from Jan. 8 to Feb. 19. There will be a basketball clinic for ages 4 through 6 on Saturdays only. Cost of the clinic is \$20 per person. Practices will be held weeknights for ages 7 through 14. Cost to join the league is \$40 per person.

Basketball Leagues deadline Nov. 17

Coed Basketball Leagues are open to all eligible MWR patrons 18 years of age and older. The basketball leagues will play by NCAA rules with modified APG bylaws. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 17. A rules meeting will be held 5 p.m., Nov. 29 at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Pre-season tournament will take place Dec. 6 through 16. Regular season begins Jan. 3. Cost is \$250 per team.

For more information, call the Sports Office, 410-278-3929.

Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk

Run off a few pounds before Thanksgiving Day – The Turkey Trot Fun Run will be held 3 p.m., Nov. 18 at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140. Entry fees cost \$10 through Nov. 11; \$15 through Nov. 17 and \$20 on race day. Race day registration will open 1:30 p.m. T-shirts will be provided to all paid entries. This event is open to the public. For more information, email apgr-usag-mwr-sports@conus.army.mil.

Free dinner and a movie

Celebrate Military Family Month with Army Community Service. ACS will present a free dinner and a movie, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Nov. 18, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. “Toy Story 3” will be shown.

This is a free ticketed event. Pick up tickets 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754. This event is open to all service members, Family members and civilians.

For more information, call

410-278-4372/7572.

How to Start Your Small Business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Small Business Administration Baltimore District and Small Business Opportunity Center-Northern Region, will sponsor How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 17, in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur, and how to write a strategic business plan. Other services offered by the SBDC will also be discussed. Space is limited. This event is open to all DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, Family members and guests.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Program Manager, 410-278-9669/7572.

Scrapbooking crop Nov. 20

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Scrapbooking Crop for seasonal scrapbookers or anyone who has always wanted to try it. “Crop Till You Drop” will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Cost of the event is \$25 per person and includes lunch and door prizes. Vendors will have items for sale and optional classes will be offered.

For more information, call Patti Harkins at 410-436-4467 or email patti.harkins@us.army.mil

Daily bus trips to Atlantic City now cost \$29

The cost of the daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino has increased to \$29 per person.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali’s Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m. Seating is limited and sells quickly. Seats must be purchased at least two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGRUSAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Holiday Bazaar and Dickens Village

Enjoy shopping at the Holiday Bazaar and “Dickens Village,” 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Be entertained by strolling carolers and enjoy the sites of Dickens Village. Vendors will be on hand selling crafts, gift and holiday items, to include homemade baked goods. Admission is Free. Vendor applications are currently being accepted. Stay-at-home moms and local organizations are welcome.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

2010 White House ornament sale

FMWR Leisure Travel Services is selling the latest White House ornaments for \$17, but supplies are limited. The 2010 White House Christmas Ornament is in honor of William McKinley’s 25th presidency and celebrates the role of music in the traditions of the White House. Visit <http://www.whitehouse-history.org/> for more information.

For more information or to purchase an ornament, call 410-278-4011/4907, MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Discount tickets available for Toby’s Dinner Theatre

Toby’s Dinner Theatre has two locations: Best Western Hotel and Conference Center located on 5625 O’Donnell Street, Baltimore and 4900 Symphony Woods Road, Columbia, Md. (South Entrance Road between Route 29 and Little Patuxent Parkway). Shows are open to all DoD ID card holders.

Medieval Times discount tickets available

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md. Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12 years). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, building 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Driver’s Ed classes run through December

Driver’s Education classes are scheduled through Nov. 8; and Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There are no classes on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. at The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, 13 North Parke Street, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Driver’s Ed costs \$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Jazz Hip-Hop

Learn age-appropriate dances and hip-hop themed routines from popular movies and music including Miley Cyrus, High School Musical, Camp Rock, and more in a fun filled workshop that will have everyone up on their feet and feeling the groove. Cost of the dance class is \$45 per student.

Dance classes will be held at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 on Thursdays, through Nov. 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 11; or Saturdays, through Nov. 13, 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 10 to 11.

Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim.

Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent participation is required. Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes are 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of Taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional Taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including “Stranger

Danger” and “Fire Safety” skills.

Unity TKD’s Tiny Tiger’s program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books for the course as recommended by the instructor. Books are a one-time purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

Musical Theater Workshop

Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 can join this fun-filled workshop series as they learn songs and routines from famous Broadway musicals, movies and hit shows including Hairspray, Glee, and Cats: the Musical. So get ready to say “Good Morning, Baltimore” and join in to all the singing and dancing. The workshop will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 on Tuesdays or Saturdays. On Tuesdays, the class will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. through Nov. 9. On Saturdays, the class will be noon to 1 p.m. through Nov. 13. Cost of the workshop is \$45 per student. Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

The Greatest Race

CYSS SKIES Unlimited and Missoula Children’s Theater (MCT) will present the production of “The Tortoise Versus The Hare: The Greatest Race,” Dec. 4. Auditions will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Roles are available for students in grades Kindergarten through 12. Approximately 50 to 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT tour actor/director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The

first rehearsal begins approximately 15 to 30 minutes after the audition. All children wishing to participate must be registered with CYSS. This is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

To register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2503, 410-278-7571/7479; for an appointment or for more information email stacie.umbarger1@conus.army.mil or call 410-278-4589.

Private Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 through 18, through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays at the AA

Youth Center, building 2503.

Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want when they register their child.

Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.

November bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Anyone that bowls a turkey (three strikes in a row) gets that game free. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl for \$.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, bowl for \$2 per game per person. Shoe rental costs \$1.

- Each Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., children bowl for \$1 per game and pay \$1 for shoe rental.

New bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for all orders \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of Nov. 1

Special #1: Chicken parmesian sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.

Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25.

Week of Nov. 8

Special #1: Open face hot turkey sandwich with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.95.

Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese with soup of the day, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Select Registry Inns salute America’s veterans with free stay Nov. 10

Military families will enjoy R&R with a free night’s stay for Veterans Day at leading inns across the United States and Canada. Select Registry™, Distinguished Inns of North America and B&Bs For Vets, will offer free rooms on Nov. 10, the night before Veterans Day. Almost 100 Select Registry inns in 26 states plus Ontario and British Columbia, Canada, have signed on to provide complimentary rooms to service members and their families. Many of these properties have added other perks as well, such as discounts on spa services, signature dining and local activities. Military Families will enjoy one-of-a-kind stays at Select Registry retreats, blending spectacular scenery, award-winning cuisine and local charm. These acclaimed properties will treat veterans to fall escapes amidst modern comforts, with a bounty of amenities, such as five-course feasts, onsite wineries and micro-breweries, award-winning spas, gardens, hiking trails, PGA putting greens, and more. Most Select Registry inns also offer free Wi-Fi, flat-screen televisions, DVD players and more. After a peaceful night’s rest, Families will wake up to bountiful breakfasts with made-from-scratch specialties and fresh ingredients from local farms. Select Registry’s participating inns join the more than 700 properties taking part in B&Bs for Vets.

Participating Inns

ALASKA

- Pearson’s Pond Inn and Spa, Juneau

ARKANSAS

- Arsenic and Old Lace B&B, Eureka Springs
- Lookout Point Lakeside Inn, Hot Springs
- Hilltop Manor, Hot Springs

CALIFORNIA

- Emma Nevada House, Nevada City
- McCaffrey House, Twain Harte
- Old Monterey Inn, Monterey
- The Inn on First, Napa

COLORADO

- Old Town GuestHouse, Colorado Springs
- Romantic RiverSong, Estes Park

FLORIDA

- Port d’Hiver B&B, Melbourne Beach
- St. Francis Inn, St. Augustine

GEORGIA

- Chanticleer Inn B&B, Lookout Mountain
- Glen-Ella Springs Inn, Clarkesville
- Indiana
- The Oliver Inn, South Bend

MAINE

- Blue Hill Inn, Blue Hill
- Captain Jefferds Inn, Kennebunkport

- Inns at Blackberry Common, Camden
- Inn at Sunrise Point, Camden

MARYLAND

- 1840’s Carrollton Inn, Baltimore
- Great Oak Manor, Chestertown
- Lake Pointe Inn, McHenry
- Savage River Lodge, Frostburg

MASSACHESSETTS

- Applegate Inn, Lee
- Captains House Inn, Chatham
- Devonfield, Lee
- Emerson Inn ByThe Sea, Rockport
- The Birchwood Inn, Lenox
- The Inn at Stockbridge, Stockbridge

MICHIGAN

- Castle In the Country B&B, Allegan
- Inn at Black Star Farms, Sutton’s Bay

MISSISSIPPI

- Fairview Inn, Jackson

MISSOURI

- Hermann Hill Vineyard Inn and Riverbluff Cottages, Hermann

NEW JERSEY

- Candlelight Inn, North Wildwood
- Mainstay Inn, Cape May
- The Queen Victoria, Cape May
- Whistling Swan Inn, Stanhope

NEW MEXICO

- El Farolito B&B Inn, Santa Fe
- Four Kachinas Inn, Santa Fe

NEWYORK

- Genesee Country Inn B&B, Mumford-Rochester
- Morgan-Samuels Inn, Canadaigua
- Saratoga Arms, Saratoga Springs
- Taughannock Farms Inn,Trumansburg
- William Henry Miller Inn, Ithaca

NORTH CAROLINA

- 1898 Waverly Inn, Hendersonville
- 1906 Pine Crest Inn, Tryon
- Arrowhead Inn, Durham
- Inn at Iris Meadows, Waynesville
- The Aerie B&B, New Berlin
- The Verandas, Wilmington
- White Doe Inn, Manteo

OHIO

- Glenlaurel, Hocking Hills
- Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls, Logan

Whispering Pines B&B, Dellroy

OREGON

- WildSpring Guest Habitat, Port Orford
- Youngberg Hill Vineyards & Inn, McMinnville

PENNSYLVANIA

- Crestmont Inn, Eagles Mere
- Hamanassett B&B, Chadds Ford
- King’s Cottage, Lancaster
- The Beechmont Inn B&B, Hanover
- The Inn & Spa at Intercourse Village, Intercourse

- The Lafayette Inn, Easton
- The Sayre Mansion, Bethlehem
- South Carolina
- The Cypress Inn, Conway

TEXAS

- Inn Above Onion Creek, Kyle

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ARL participates in local career day

Story by
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“Take a minute to think about what these professionals have in common. When you think about careers, think about something that you love and have a passion for.”

Those words spoken by Madeline Collins, a local parent at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School in Aberdeen, served as the focal point for the school’s career day Sept. 15. Elementary and middle school students gathered to learn about different career options and view multiple displays.

From professional bowling to veterinary science, students were given a wide range of careers to explore, including options with the military.

Pat Burcham of the Dismounted Warrior Branch had two ways of explaining her mission at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory’s Human Research and Engineering Directorate, one for younger students and one for those in middle school. She was able to relate cognitive abilities to testing toys and cars as one method of showcasing human factors engineering.

“Most of these children have a bicycle. By looking at the pieces of the bicycle and explaining how we could test the bicycle, it provides the younger group with a way of relating to engineering,” she said.

As part of her demonstration, Burcham also brought Soldier equipment with her for demonstration purposes.

HRED’s Dave Ostrowski parked a M998 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, HMMWV, across from the school so students could explore the military vehicle first hand.

“My goal was to explain basic overall HMMWV capabilities and explain how it is used,” he said. “A lot of these students have parents who work at Aberdeen (Proving Ground), and others who don’t. This is a great opportunity for the



HRED’s Dave Ostrowski explains basic HMMWV capabilities to a group of middle school students during career day.

Photos courtesy of ARL

students to climb in the HMMWV themselves. The kids just eat it up!”

In addition to ARL’s involvement, a representative from the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) also set up a display of items brought home from Afghanistan.

According to Career Day Coordinator Debbie Hersey, the career day festivities were postponed because of the snow storm in January, but she is grateful that the students could participate in warmer weather.

“We like to get a variety of careers represented because the children really respond to the mixture. We have a lot of parents and Soldiers who work at APG and it is important that such a huge part of our community is represented. We hope to include APG for years to come.”



Students at St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen sit in a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle durin Career Day activities with reseachers from the U.S. Army Researrch Laboratory.



HRED’s Pat Burcham showcases the finished products that result from testing and other elements of Human Factors Engineering.

ECBC helps foster next generation of scientists, engineers at the elementary school level

Supporting North Harford Elementary School’s fifth-grade science curriculum, ECBC staff offers hands-on learning opportunities and engages kids in research and technology

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The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC)’s Community and Educational Outreach Program, partially funded by the National Defense Education Program, recently provided nearly 80 North Harford Elementary School fifth-grade students with real-world engineering and science projects.

“A focus of the center’s community and educational outreach program is to start exposing children to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) experiences as early as possible and teaching them how to solve problems using methods like the engineering design process,” said Community and Educational Outreach Manager Mary Doak. “Bringing real scientists and engineers into the classroom makes the pursuit of a STEM career path such as environmental engineering more tangible for students.”

ECBC Environmental Toxicologist Dr. Michael Simini, and Environmental Engineer Bruce Steltzer teamed up to familiarize students with the application of science and engineering principles that help tackle the array of environmental challenges the global community faces today.

“Following the engineering design process helps us get the job done at the end of the day, right?,” Steltzer rhetorically asked during his presen-

tation. “When approaching a problem, we first ask questions, come up with an idea, make a plan, create a solution and improve it at the end.”

Addressing the increasingly important issue of water, air and land pollution, ECBC’s outreach activities supplemented the lessons embedded in the school’s inquiry-based Engineering is Elementary (EiE) curriculum. The EiE curriculum reinforces elementary schools’ science concepts by engaging children in problem-solving through engineering activities.

The ECBC team turned three fifth-grade classrooms into laboratories, equipped students with proper equipment including safety glasses, gloves, petri dishes and pipettes and provided materials such as water, oil, baking soda and the surfactant “soap” to effectively engage students in real-life experiences.

Exposing students to the simulation of a miniature oil leak, the subject matter experts encouraged them to find solutions to a real-world problem while applying the scientific method. The challenge of this activity consisted of researching which material most effectively dispersed a drop of dyed oil from the water in the petri dish in front of them and recording their observations.

In addition, Simini explained the effects of environmental pollution and soil contamination on the food chain

process emphasizing the cyclical nature of the world’s ecosystem.

“Everything in our environment is interconnected,” he said. “If one area air, land or water is polluted or contaminated, the other ones are automatically affected and suffer from the consequences.”

He distributed live earthworms in petri dishes and demonstrated how his team at ECBC uses them to determine soil contamination levels based on their reactions. In following through with two different types of experiments, the students learned about earthworms’ attraction to clean water and their avoidance of vinegar-contaminated space.

“These experiments are a great kind of way to learn about the environment and they are supportive of our curriculum,” said fifth-grade teacher Melanie Kane. “It was nice that they [ECBC guest speakers] took a look at our curriculum and selected hands-on activities that strongly supplemented our courses.”

“It is great when our kids get the chance to experiment and try things out,” she added.

Another fifth-grade teacher Jennifer Covert shared the excitement ECBC and some of its workforce members delivered.

“These real-life experiences provided a phenomenal opportunity to be connected to the outside world and use STEM activities to solve environmental problems,” she said.

The amount and type of questions students asked kept ECBC experts on their toes and showed their deep interest for the engineering field. Involving elementary children in STEM-related activities provided the opportunity to reinforce their early motivation and expand their technological knowledge and skills.

“I thought it was really fun,” said fifth-grade student Jennifer Moran. “The experiments today helped me better understand what we learn in class.”

Attending one of the educational outreach sessions, Harford County Public Schools Supervisor of Science Andrew Renzulli praised ECBC’s efforts in creating a stimulating STEM learning environment in North Harford Elementary School’s fifth-grade classrooms.

“The experiments that kids are engaged in here and today directly support our efforts to integrate engineering at the elementary level within our science program,” Renzulli said. “For students to be able to see practicing engineers will leave a long-lasting impression and potentially encourage them to pursue a STEM career.”

“On behalf of HCPS, I’d like to express our appreciation for the educational partnership with ECBC, and we look forward to the ongoing efforts of promoting STEM experiments in the classroom,” he added.

For more information about ECBC and its community and educational outreach programs, visit www.ecbc.army.mil.



FROM THE GARRISON



By
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Garrison Commander

Two weeks ago the APG community witnessed the uncasing of the Communications-Electronics Command color. It was an excellent ceremony and a satisfying milestone to reach for those of us who have been deeply involved in the changes going on here at APG.

It did not, however, mark the end of the process of moving the units, people and missions from several other installations to APG. Most of the heavy lifting of moving and hiring people to accomplish the C4ISR, medical research, acquisition and other missions will happen in the next 12 months. There will be a period of moving, hiring and settling in that will go beyond that.

This will affect more than the people who will be new to APG. Long-time APG employees started moving into these new jobs years ago. Inevitably, more will find a promotion opportunity or simply a change of scenery offered by a job at one of these new organizations. This is a good thing for all involved, and it has the effect of increasing the number of people directly affected by the changes here.

Even more people will be indirectly affected by the changes. The new facilities and upgrades to existing facilities we have already seen make life better for everybody at APG. Many of them are out of the way, so those who tend to drive only to and from work using the post's major streets might not be aware of them. I think everyone should take the time to familiarize themselves with the changes so their understanding of what APG matches the APG that is emerging around them.

Most people are aware of the Enhanced Use Lease facilities. They are already bringing welcome revenue to the installation. As they continue to develop those areas the community will see stores and restaurants many will find a welcome addition to what's available on or near the installation.

This process has also brought us closer to our partners in the communities surrounding APG. Working on issues such as traffic and construction are the most obvious cases of this, but there is much, much more going on. The arrival of more units with a heavy emphasis on



science and technology has caused us to redouble our efforts with educational institutions, which means everything from scientists and engineers visiting elementary schools right on up to organizations signing research agreements with universities in the region.

I will explain more of what's going on and what we can all look forward to at the Garrison Workforce Town Hall meeting I will hold Monday. I hope to be able to offer other groups on the installation the same kind of town hall meetings in the future to maximize our communications. In fact, this column and Monday's Town Hall are the beginning of a new information push that will develop over the coming months. We have been so focused on making the change happen here that we haven't always communicated it as well as we should. I'm going to change that. As you can imagine, it's going to take some effort and some time. Communication sounds easy, and in some ways it is, but it's a whole other ball game to put togeth-

er the systematic processes you need to make sure you're routinely communicating the right things in ways people pay attention to. The APG community deserves the right information at the right time, and we're going to figure out how to do that.

A variation of this column, written by me or others, will become a standard feature of the APG News so we bring you more information about the APG community. We will also expand our coverage to include features on the organizations on the post and the unsung heroes who work for them. They do a great job and deserve the attention, and you deserve to hear about them. Many of you follow our various social media presences already, and you can look forward to greater use of those tools. And there will be more.

What's driving this push is not just the last year of our current growth. As some of you may know, we have tried hard to not throw the word BRAC like a blanket over all that has been going on. There is more to it than that. BRAC will soon end, and the fact that it has always been more than BRAC will become easier to see.

If you look at the kinds of units we have here, and the kinds that are coming, you can see that change is going to be a constant at APG. The mission of most of the units on the installation will be to create change: new technologies, new equipment, new ways of doing things, new ideas. For our Army to be successful, these organizations have to define the cutting edge. It is inevitable that those organizations will have to change their own processes, facilities, equipment or personnel mix to support the changes they are bringing about in the area of defense technology.

So anybody who is expecting the dust to completely settle after BRAC may be in for a surprise. Sure, the major muscle movements will be over. The kind of large, continuing disruptions we have been seeing will go away. But change itself will not. It will become a permanent fixture of life at APG. It will keep life exciting as we continue to provide valuable support to our Warfighters. It's that kind of excitement that will power APG's future, a future we must all focus on during the next year as we close out one period of change and create a new battle rhythm for the installation.

Survivor Outreach Services enters new era with first-ever AFAP issue development summit

Story by
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Survivor Outreach Services met for their third annual summit at L'Enfant Plaza Oct. 25.

"Caring for our survivors is one of the most honorable things anyone can do," said Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Commander Maj. Gen. Reuben D. Jones. "We're so proud to build a program that aids in healing as the survivor honors their fallen Soldier."

This year marks the first time SOS surviving Family members worked on Army Family Action Plan issue development.

"Although we've had two annual summits where we discussed the issues faced by survivors, this is the first time SOS has brought members from all over the country to identify, prioritize and develop issues that strengthen and improve the Army's standard of support to survivors," said Donna Engeman, SOS program manager at FMWRC.

Modeled after the AFAP, the Army's "grass roots" system for collecting and responding to issues identified by Soldiers and their Families, survivors worldwide submitted recommendations for change to be prioritized at this forum.

Five working groups—Entitlements, Geographically Dispersed, Soldier Support, Family Support and Parent Support—were faced with 55 issues submitted by survivors from installations, the National Guard and the Reserve components.

By the second day, each of the groups, with the help of subject matter experts, had whittled their 10 to 16 issues down to one or two, creating a short-list of eight topics to present to senior leadership at the out-brief concluding the summit.

The issues will also be presented at the 2011 AFAP



Department of the Army Headquarters Conference held by the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management in the National Capital Region.

OACSIM provides policy formulation, strategy development, enterprise integration, program analysis and integration, requirements and resource determination, and best business practices for services, programs, and installation support to Soldiers, Families, and Civilians.

Jones and Sheila Casey, wife of the Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey, Jr. were both in attendance at the out-brief.

"IMCOM Commander Lieutenant General Rick Lynch and I promised Army leadership you would be working

hard for our survivors," Jones said. "Were we right?"

Sheila Casey thanked the participants for taking on the daunting task of reducing the 55 suggestions into a manageable number of issues to present to the OACSIM (see sidebar).

"I thank you for your hard work, your service and your sacrifice," she said after the presentations.

"So often [those managing these programs and services] think they are doing the right thing, but they have not walked in your shoes," Casey said. "So keep at it and keep sending me and my husband your emails. I look forward to the work you're going to do."

The eight issues prepared for inclusion in the 2011 AFAP conference are:

From the Entitlements workgroup: "Federal Tax Credit for Survivors" (Eligible Relatives) Non-Reimbursable Expenses" and "Dual Service Surviving Spouse Survivor Health Care Entitlement Deferment."

From the Family Support workgroup: "Communication from Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) Program to Survivors (including Non-Beneficiaries)" and "Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO)/Casualty Notification Officer (CNO) Expanded Training."

The Geographically Dispersed workgroup selected one issue: "No Cost Access to Specialized Emotional/Grief Counseling for Survivors including Non-Beneficiaries."

The Parent Support workgroup selected two issues: "Department of Defense (DoD) Installation Access for Survivors without DoD ID Card" and "Service Member's Designations and Terminology in DD Form 93 (Record of Emergency Data)."

From the Soldier Support workgroup: "Additional Skill Identifier for Casualty Notification Officers and Casualty Assistance Officers."

Aberdeen Proving Ground sponsors bone-marrow registration drive

Story by
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DTC

Aberdeen Proving Ground tenant organizations will hold a registration drive for potential donors of bone marrow, to help people desperately in need of bone marrow transplants and possibly save lives. The donor registration procedure is simple and painless, involving a cheek swab to collect cells for genetic information and classification. The samples will be entered into a national database.

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command is holding the screening in conjunction with its annual health fair Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. The fair will take place on the second floor of DTC's headquarters, building 314 (Ryan Building).

The Department of Defense is paying for the sample kits and supporting the donor registration. The C.W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Center — established to recruit volunteer marrow donors from active-duty military, their immediate family members, Civil Service employees, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reservists — is one of 79 donor centers in the United States working with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP).

After samples are collected, potential donors are required to fill out a DoD consent form. The oral swabs will be tested to determine donors' human leukocyte antigen type. That coded information will be placed in the NMDP's national registry, where it will remain until potential donors' 61st birthday. No names or Social Security numbers are used for identification purposes.

Potential donors will be contacted if they are found to be a preliminary match for a specific patient in need of a marrow transplant and asked if they would consent to having blood drawn for compatibility testing. The C.W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Center staff will make all arrangements for those who agree to further testing. This process usually takes 3-12 weeks. When test results indicate potential donors and recipients are an acceptable match, those tested will be asked to consider donating bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cells for the patient. This stage involves having an extensive educational session to explain the entire donation process and undergoing a complete physical examination to ensure donors' good health.

The actual donations are performed at

either Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., the University of Maryland Greenbaum Medical Center in Baltimore, Md., or at Fairfax Pathology Associates in Fairfax, Va.

The DoD will fund all costs for complete HLA typing. If a volunteer donor has the opportunity to provide a life-saving match, all testing, medical fees and travel expenses are paid for by the receiving patient.

Contact the following people for more information about dates and times when people can be tested to register as potential bone marrow donors:

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